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Mr. President:


As Governor of Maryland and Mayor of Baltimore, we join in respectfully asking you to reverse your Administration's approval of Dubai Ports World's purchase of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., and, therefore, its subsequent control of important operations at six ports – including the Port of Baltimore.

As you know, Dubai Ports World is owned by the government of one of the United Arab Emirates. We do not believe our nation's homeland security interests are served by allowing a foreign government to control port operations. And we are prepared to use every tool at our disposal to stop this deal. But your intervention could end this troubling matter immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We hope you will reconsider the Administration's course.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Governor
State of Maryland



Martin J. O'Malley, Mayor
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